

E-mail Announcements for February 2, 2010

COUNTY NEWS

*****Volunteers needed for Bake Sale*****

JCPenney Roseville in celebration of Friends and Family Day is having a bake sale on Sunday, February 7th. We have a few slots open for clubs to work from 3-5 pm or 5- 7pm. Clubs receive ½ of the money collected and the other half will be donated to Haiti Relief through the American Red Cross. If you are unable to work but want to bake for the event that is also very much appreciated. Baked goods can be dropped off at the 4-H office at 21885 Dunham Suite 12, Clinton Township, MI 48036 Entrance E before 4 PM on Friday, Feb 5 or at the JCPenney Roseville store on Sunday Feb 7th starting at 10 am.

*****4-H Livestock Jeopardy*****

The 3rd Annual Macomb County 4-H Livestock Jeopardy will be held on Saturday, March 6 2010 at the Armada Lions Club, 23031 E. Main Street-Armada. Teams of 4 will compete on their knowledge of Beef, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Swine, Goats, and Dairy. Cost per team is only \$10 plus 4 cans of food to be donated to a local food pantry. Teams can be made of youth from more than one club. Cash prizes will be awarded for 1st (\$60), 2nd (\$40), and 3rd (\$20) place teams. Teams need to register by February 26. Event is sponsored by the 4-H Livestock Program Committee. Light refreshments provided. Audience members are asked to donate one can of food as well. [Click here](#) for registration form.

*****Southeast Region Leadership Academy*****

Save the date for a full day workshop on Saturday, March 6 at Mott Community College where you will gain the skills you need to lead an active, successful and motivated group. For a cost of only \$10, you will learn elements of running a great meeting, decision making tools, and how to productively communicate and deal with conflict. [Click here for the flyer](#) and click [here for the registration form](#).

*****Horse Program Committee Meeting*****

The next Horse Program Committee is February 22nd at Camp Rotary at 7:00pm. The mini/draft sub-committee will be meeting at 6:00pm, prior to the whole committee. Please make sure that each club is represented at these meetings.

*****Steer Tagging*****

Steer tagging takes place at the Armada Fairgrounds on the first Sunday in February (7th) , from noon to 2:00pm. All steers must be tagged at this time in order to be exhibited in the 2010 Armada Fair. All male market livestock must be castrated prior to tagging-no exceptions.

*****30th 4-H Horse Tack Sale*****

Ray's Riding Rascal's is having a **One Day Sale!** March 6th, 2010 from 10 am—2:30 pm. New & Used ***TACK N' CLOTHES***. Held at Berville Lions Field Hall, 13651 Hough Rd., Allenton. Admission is \$3.00, 12 and under free. For more information call Sheryl after 8 pm at 810-874-9921. **HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

*****2010 Neighborhood Excellence Initiative® Student Leader Program*****

Bank of America is looking for TOMORROW's community leaders TODAY. We need your help to identify outstanding young people who are passionate about making a difference in our community while receiving a one-of-a-kind and once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Applications are now open for students in **Oakland, Wayne and Macomb Counties until the DEADLINE OF FEBRUARY 17, 2010.** There is no GPA minimum requirement and the application

is a simple 8 question short essay type format. Although it is a fairly simple application, and because it is a competitive process, best applicants benefit from thoughtful and personal responses. To learn more about the program in its entirety, visit www.bankofamerica.com/foundation. **Applications are now available online at www.bankofamerica.com/neighborhoodexcellence** If you have any questions, please contact Nina Rodriguez directly at 248-631-0376, or by email at nina.rodriguez@bankofamerica.com.

Since the program's inception in 2004, Bank of America has recognized more than **1,700 Student Leaders** as exemplary high school students with a passion for helping their communities. Selected *Student Leaders* benefit from 1) an **8 week paid summer internship** at a local nonprofit organization 2) a **6 day, all-expense paid Student Leadership Summit in Washington, DC** 3) exposure to leadership aspects in civic, nonprofit and business arenas.

***** I Can Make History Contest*****

Kroger is hosting an art, essay, music and poetry contest for youth with prizes being scholarships, laptop computers and family field trips in celebration of Black History Month. The contest is called "I Can Make History." All prizes will be awarded at an awards luncheon at The Henry Ford Museum. Applications are available at Kroger stores. We also have some at the MSU Extension office. Entry deadline is February 26, 2010.

*****Horse Clinics***For horse owners only*****

Pre-Registration and payment required. Call 586-752-5932 for more information. These events are held at Wolcott Mill Metropark Farm Center. 65775 Wolcott Rd, Ray, Michigan.

Horse Trailer Safety Seminar held March 13th from 1pm-3 pm. Cost is \$10.

Showmanship Clinic held April 10th from 1 pm-3 pm. Cost is \$20.

Trail Clinic held April 18th from 1 pm-3 pm. Cost is \$20.

Hunt Seat/Hunter Jumper Clinic held April 25th from 1 pm-3 pm. Cost is \$20.

Western Pleasure Clinic held May 2nd from 1 pm-3 pm. Cost is \$20.

Saddle Seat Clinic held May 16th from 1 pm-3 pm. Cost is \$20.

Reining Clinic 1 held June 6th from 1 pm-3 pm. Cost is \$25.

Reining Clinic 11 held August 15th from 1 pm-3 pm. Cost is \$25.

Reining Clinic -- 4-H ONLY -- held August 15th from 4 pm-6 pm. Cost is \$10.

*****Horse Workshops***For horse enthusiasts who do not own a horse*****

Pre-registration and pre-payment is required. Call 586-752-5932 for more information. These events are held at Wolcott Mill Metropark Farm Center. 65775 Wolcott Rd. Ray, Michigan. Participants **will not** be riding during these programs.

Horse Workshop 1 held May 15th from 11 am- 12:30 pm. Cost is \$5.

Horse Workshop 1 held June 12th from 11 am-12:30 pm. Cost is \$5.

Horsin' Around Workshop held July 25th from 11 am-4 pm. Cost is \$15.

Read A Book Meet A Horse ● ● ● ● **For Preschoolers** held July 27th from 11 am-1 pm. Cost is \$5.

STATE NEWS

*****2010 Foreign Exchange Opportunities*****

2010 Foreign Exchange Opportunities are now listed on the State 4-H website.

They include inbound and outbound Belize, Costa Rican and Japanese exchanges, and outbound programs to Poland and Australia, Some of these programs have February 1 application deadlines.

To get more information and forms, go to the state website, select Global and Cultural Education from

the "Select a Program" pull down menu. From there select International Exchange programs and scroll down 2010 4-H Exchange Opportunities. (<http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/culture.html>.) If you need help on an outbound program from the 4-H Office or want to host an inbound program, contact Anne at 469-6431.

*****Youth Business Plan Competition*****

IGNITE, a collaboration of volunteers and professionals working together to promote entrepreneurship among Michigan's youth, will be celebrating National Entrepreneurship Week (February 20-27, 2010) by hosting the second annual IGNITE Youth Business Plan Competition. All Michigan Middle and High school students can enter their innovative service or product business ideas for a chance to win cash, prizes, support in launching their business, and recognition. And teachers/leaders — you will be entered into a drawing for a gift certificate to purchase classroom supplies for each student or student group that submits an application. The more students you encourage to enter, the more chances you have to win!

Details for the event can be found by visiting <http://www.primacivitas.org/initiatives/moving-ideas-to-market/ignite-sparking-tomorrows-entrepreneurs-today/competition/>. Applications are due by February 27th!

*****Spartan Stampede Rodeo*****

This year, the MSU Rodeo Club is celebrating the 41st anniversary of the Spartan Stampede Rodeo. The rodeo, which is sanctioned by the International Professional Rodeo Association as well as the Mid-States Rodeo Association, has performances on Friday, February 19th at 8 p.m., Saturday, February 20th at both 2 and 8 p.m., and Sunday, February 21st at 2 p.m. at the MSU Livestock Pavilion at the corner of Farm Lane and Mt. Hope in East Lansing, MI.

Tickets can be ordered through the Breslin Center Ticket Box Office on campus or by calling 800-968-2737. Tickets can also be ordered on-line at: www.breslincenter.com

More information can be found on our club's web-site at:
<http://www.msu.edu/~rodeo/>

*****4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Volunteer Workshop*****

February 27-28, 2010 - Kettunen Center

If you're interested in 4-H beef cattle, sheep or swine projects, this workshop is for you. You'll learn about animal health, management, care and nutrition. In addition, you can sharpen your livestock judging and evaluation skills. By sharing ideas and interacting with others, you'll find ways to improve your county 4-H livestock program. The workshop also offers ways to enhance your communication and teaching skills, and learn about the many opportunities available for those interested in beef, sheep or swine projects. Open to adult and teen volunteers aged 13 and up. Registrations are due to the county office by February 12. Cost is only \$45.50. Macomb County 4-H Council partial scholarships are available for 50% of the cost. Check out the Macomb County website http://www.macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/4h_scholarship.html for Council scholarship form.

*****4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Volunteer Workshop*****

February 26-27, 2010 - Kettunen Center

Explore animal systems and learn about animal health for a broad array of species by sharing information and experiences, asking questions and quizzing veterinarians about their skills. You can

also participate in hands-on demonstrations that teach you how to help members recognize healthy, sick or injured animals. Meet 4-H'ers who have developed outstanding veterinary science projects and gain ideas to help others start their own vet science projects. Open to adult and teen volunteers aged 13 and up. Registrations are due to the county office by February 12. Cost is only \$45.50. Macomb County 4-H Council partial scholarships are available for 50% of the cost. Check out the Macomb County website http://www.macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/4h_scholarship.html for Council scholarship form.

*****4-H Capitol Experience – March 21-24, 2010*****

4-H Capitol Experience is a 4-day conference in Lansing involving more than 100 teens from around the state experience state government in action. Participants are assigned to a “committee” (Agriculture, Environment, Education, etc. visit state agencies, committee meetings and sessions of the legislature and participate in their own “mock legislature”. Applications and promotional information are on line at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/4h/capexp.html>. Registration cost includes all meals, lodging and material fees. Rate: \$275 Adults and current 4-H members; \$285 Non 4-H members. Remember that the 4-H Council offers scholarships that cover up to 50%. Applications (and scholarship applications) are due in the county office by February 5. A letter for school officials using Michigan Benchmarks to explain this conference as an important learning experience justifying an excused absence from school is available. For more information contact Anne at the 4-H Office.

***** 4-H Environmental & Outdoor Education Workshop and 4-H Plant Science & Entomology Workshop *****

March 19-21, 2010

Kettunen Center, Tustin, MI

Two workshops in one! These workshops are running on the same schedule. Participants from each one will be able to sign up for sessions offered by the other workshop, but must select one as your “main workshop” when registering. Pick from a variety of topics offered in six different break-out session time blocks. Gain fun, hands-on ideas, projects and activities for use in your club or county programming. Update your knowledge and skills, share ideas with others from around the state, and help kids enjoy and appreciate the outdoors. Bring an item to donate or extra spending money for bidding to help support the auction for your workshop. Adults and youth ages 13 or older may attend. The cost is \$70 per person (4-H). Register through the county MSU Extension office by 5 p.m. on March 5, 2010. Call 586-469-6431 for more information. Click here for the workshop packets: [4-H Environmental & Outdoor Education](#); [4-H Plant Science & Entomology](#). Macomb County 4-H Council partial scholarships are available for 50% of the cost. Check out the Macomb County website http://www.macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/4h_scholarship.html for Council scholarship form.

*****Hairy Horse Clinic*****

The clinic (being held on March 28, 2010) is organized just like a warm-up horseshow. The big difference? The judges offer feedback to each exhibitor on the strengths and weaknesses of their performance. This unique opportunity provides exhibitors a chance to hear what the judges are thinking. No placings or ribbons here...the feedback is your reward!!! Check out the web site for a complete listing of classes: <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/horsekids/>

***** Save the Date: Exploration Days*****

4-H Exploration Days will be held June 23 to 25, 2010. 4-H Exploration Days is an annual MSU pre-college program that attracts approximately 2500 youth participants and chaperones who represent all 83 Michigan counties. Nearly 200 fun, action-filled classroom and field trip sessions are offered annually. The sessions take place throughout the [Michigan State University campus](#) and at various off-campus locations. Participants attend one or two sessions throughout their three-day stay. They are housed in three Michigan State University residence halls. To attend the event you must be at least aged 11 by January 1, 2010, or older. Full registration for the full three days is \$165 which

includes all meals, lodging, sessions, and a t-shirt. Partial scholarships are available through MSU Extension and our Macomb County 4-H Council. Registration booklets should be out in February.

*****Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference*****

April 16–18, 2010 – Bay Shore Camp

If you'd like to know more about the dairy industry, sign up to attend this conference. You'll learn about dairy management topics including dairy cattle nutrition, health, reproduction, health and cattle evaluation. Practice for state dairy management contests such as the skillathon and quiz bowls that focus on dairy cattle nutrition. You'll also tour area farms. Open to youth aged 12 to 18. Contact the 4-H office to register.



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